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Sent: 3/25/2021 6:01:08 PM
To: Chesnutt, John [Chesnutt.John@epa.gov]
CC: Gill, Sonam [Gill.Sonam@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Ocean Disposal: draft Mayor response

Hi John,

I just wanted to check in on the status of this letter? I know the Sen. Feinstein response was sent, and I believe Debbie Jordan wanted to get this one out soon after.

Thanks!

Julia

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Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 12:24 PM
To: Chesnutt, John <Chesnutt.John@epa.gov>
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John, I think you can go ahead and put this through your management chain.

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Mike and all, Just wanted you to know I've updated the draft response based on the latest Feinstein draft that Mike shared with me on Friday. I feel a bit awkward having the two responses so similar, but I know we want to keep our message consistent. Should I start sending this through my management, or wait for any final Feinstein changes? I want to make best use of their time.

Thanks, John

From: Alpern, Michael <Alpern.Michael@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 19, 2021 5:01 PM

To: Chesnutt, John <Chesnutt.John@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: NOAA Public Affairs POCs to EPA Reg 9

Looks like the Feinstein response is now more or less settled – see attached for the version that Debbie just now ok'd. It's not final/final as she's running it through one trap in HQ, but if this won't be exactly the final it will be really close. I would guess that Debbie will push pretty hard for the Mayor response to be concise, as she just did with this Feinstein letter, even given your very valid points. Tight and succinct is her style. Hopefully the attached can be a good reference for the Mayor letter, especially the sections that do describe what EPA is actually doing re the PV Shelf and the deep ocean disposal situations (Debbie called out the way R9's actions are framed for particular praise).

Cheers,

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Subject: RE: NOAA Public Affairs POCs to EPA Reg 9

When the Feinstein response is settled, we will need to turn quickly to the Mayor's response. Yesterday's draft was based on the initial Feinstein letter we provided Deborah, so not sure if she'll want us to cut that back as well. Some of her comments on the Feinstein letter wouldn't necessarily apply here, in that the City is less knowledgeable about the disposal issue and not sure we generally need to be as brief. Let me know your thoughts.

Thanks, John

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Subject: RE: NOAA Public Affairs POCs to EPA Reg 9

Great, thanks. And one of those contacts is yet another Lyons!

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Subject: FW: NOAA Public Affairs POCs to EPA Reg 9

Mike, Sonam and Julia are now connected with some NOAA counterparts. See below.

John

From: Chesnutt, John
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Thanks Amy. Not sure they need to talk yet. We mainly wanted to know who to reach out to for future inquiries. I should have included my EPA congressional and press contacts for this issue (see below). I also cc'd them.

Thanks, John

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Hi John,

Per your request, I'm sending you two names, Jennie Lyons (National Ocean Service PA) and David Hall (Office of Marine and Aviation Operations PA) regarding the CBS News request for a NOAA PoC. They are both well-versed in the Feinstein/DDT issues.

Please let me know if you want my involvement in your conversations. I don't need to be, but am happy to be if that is helpful.

Thanks a lot!

Amy

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